

Project Scope & Report Outline

This project consisted of 10 tasks requested by the WRC. These tasks, along with the chapter/appendix of this report where each task is discussed, are listed below.

1. Identify all stakeholder groups relevant to the issue of hunting on Sunday in North Carolina. (Chapter 2, Appendix A)
2. Conduct a series of stakeholder meetings with representatives from groups identified in #1 above which may have an interest in hunting on Sunday to gather views of these groups on hunting on Sunday in order to facilitate additional qualitative and quantitative assessments. (Chapter 2, Appendix A)
3. Qualitatively gather public views on hunting on Sunday by conducting a series of focus groups throughout North Carolina. (Chapter 3, Appendix B)
4. Qualitatively gather hunter views on hunting on Sunday by conducting a series of focus groups throughout North Carolina. (Chapter 4, Appendix C)
5. Develop and conduct a phone or mail survey of North Carolina citizens to gather quantitative data on public views on hunting on Sunday. (Chapter 5, Appendices D & F)
6. Develop and conduct a phone or mail survey of North Carolina hunters to gather quantitative data on hunter views of hunting on Sunday. (Chapter 6, Appendices E & G)
7. Estimate the possible impacts of hunting on Sunday on hunting participation, such as numbers of hunters, number of days hunted, hunter recruitment and hunter retention. (Chapter 7, with data drawn from Appendices F & G)
8. Estimate the possible impacts of hunting on Sunday on the North Carolina economy. (Chapter 8, with data drawn from Appendices F & G)
9. Estimate the real fiscal costs and benefits to the WRC on implementing hunting on Sunday, such as changes in costs for law enforcement and check station management activities, impacts on game lands infrastructure, and changes in license sales revenue and federal aid. (Chapter 9, with some data drawn from Appendices F & G)
10. Prepare a written final report of study findings before the 2007-2008 session of the North Carolina General Assembly and present the findings in person to the WRC. (Chapters 1-10, Appendixes A-G)